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Re: New Streamflow Regulations

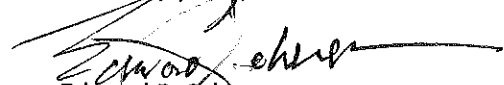
Dear Mr. Stacey:

I'm writing in strong support of the adoption of the new Streamflow Regulations. I was recently on a trip through the Grand Canyon, during which we spent considerable time discussing the hydrology of the western states and the water management challenges facing them. We in the northeast, and particularly in Connecticut, are indeed fortunate to have a significant water resource, but having seen how areas in our country struggle to assure adequate water for all, it is apparent to me that the adoption of these regulations will be a significant step in the management of this valuable resource in our State. Proactive measures now will go a long way towards avoiding the need for unpleasant emergency crash programs in the future. We owe effective water preservation and management to both current stake holders and to future generations.

Along the same lines, I urge that we do not write off some of our most degraded streams by tagging them with a proposed Class 4 designation. While financial and other priorities may mandate that remediation be deferred, letting them slip away is a mistake. While these streams now appear to be a lost cause, they deserve an ongoing level of protection in the hope that at some time in the future we will have the wherewithal to recapture these resources.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,


Edward P. Scherer